

One of the foundations of a true democracy is informed citizenship. The FCC is about to dramatically relax the regulations that prevent media concentration. Not only does this limit the amount and type of information that is readily available at a national level, local-level information becomes nearly impossible to acquire.

One example of the ill effects of media concentration occurred in Minot, North Dakota, where a railroad car containing toxic ammonia compounds derailed, sending a cloud of poisonous gas into town. The local radio stations could not be reached or send out an alert because they had been purchased by a national company (Clear Channel Communications), and had no people at the radio station at the time. As a result, over 300 hundred people were hospitalized, and many were at least partially blinded.

Please, help oppose future tragedies of this sort. Please, allow the United States to have an informed citizenry. Please, oppose the FCC's attempts to allow further media concentration.